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SUBJ: ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

REF: STATE 0084 AND PREVIOUS

1. ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH FAROKH PARSI MORNING JAN 4 TO DISCUSS US DESIRE THAT IRANIAN REP ON WORKING GROUP WOULD ACCEPT ONCE AGAIN LEADERSHIP OF WG. RESULTS OF CONVERSATION FOLLOW.

2. PARSI SAID THAT IRAN VERY MUCH WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS COOPERATION WITH US MEMBER ON WG. HE NOTED THAT IRAN AND US HAVE IDENTICAL VIEWS ON NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CORRUPT PRACTICES AND THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SHAH HIMSELF HAD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT IRANIAN DEL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THIS ISSUE. AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS RETURNING AS CHAIRMAN FOR JAN 23-27 MEETING, SPEAKING IN A PERSONAL VEIN, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAID THAT HE IS CURRENTLY MUCH INVOLVED WITH WORK ON LAW OF THE SEA AND A DRAFT CONVENTION WITH KUWAIT ON PREVENTION OF POLLUTION IN PERSIAN GULF. NONETHELESS, IF UNDER SECY NADIM AND SUBSEQUENTLY FONMIN DECIDED THAT HE OUGHT TO CONTINUE AS IRANIAN
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REP ON WG AND AS CHAIRMAN OF WG, NATURALLY HE WOULD BE THE GOOD SOLDIER AND ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, OF COURSE, IRAN WILL CONTINUE TO BE REPRESENTED ON WG. HE DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS WOULD BE A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL BASED IN IRAN OR SOME PERSON ON IRANIAN DEL IN NEW YORK. UNDERSECY NADIM WOULD FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD WHICH THE FONMIN WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT. HE

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PROMISED TO SPEAK WITH NADIM FORTHWITH ON THE MATTER AND WOULD
INFORM NADIM OF OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT IRAN CONTINUE AS CHAIR-
MAN OF WG. PRESSED AS TO HOW HE THOUGHT THE DECISION MIGHT GO,
PARSI SAID HE REALLY HAD NO IDEA.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE CONVERSATION PARSI TELEPHONED EMBOFF TO
SAY THAT HE HAD JUST BRIEFED NADIM ORALLY ON THE ISSUE AND
WOULD GIVE HIM A WRITTEN REPORT. NADIM SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO SEE
DCM WITHIN A DAY OR TWO AT A SOCIAL GATHERING AND WOULD
FURTHER EXPLORE THE MATTER WITH US. DCM WILL, OF COURSE, REITERATE OUR

WISH THAT IRAN CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN.

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION PARSI SAID THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED
TO US REP FELDMAN THAT US SERIOUSLY CONSIDER COLOMBIAN
DEPUTY REP AT NEW YORK, AMB BOTERA, AS CANDIDATE FOR
JOB OF CHAIRMAN.PARSI HAS GOOD OPINION OF BOTERA AND
THOUGHT THAT LATTER HAD THE CAPACITY TO DEVELOP GREATER
SENSITIVITY AMONG COUNTRIES OF LA GROUP ON NEED FOR
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, I.E. THAT BOTERA
WOULD WORK FOR A MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT.

5. RE OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIAN GROUP WHO MIGHT BE INDUCED
TO JOIN WG, PARSI THOUGHT THAT INDONESIA, THAILAND, AND
SINGAPORE WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATES. HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER
IRANIAN EMBASSIES IN THESE COUNTRIES MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED TO
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ENURAGE THESE GOVTS TO PARTICIPATE, IMPLYING THAT
THIS WOULD BE NADIM'S DECISION. DCM WILL MAKE THIS POINT
WHEN HE SEES NADIM.

6. DEPT AND USUN WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF RESULTS
DCM-NADIM CONVERSATION.
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